

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed September 1, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20, 21, 23, 24 and 27-32, renumbered as 1, 2, 8, 9, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10, respectively 11/14/05

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material


5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Judith Toffenetti on November 10, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 20 has been replaced with the following:

20. A method for introducing iodide into a human thyroid carcinoma cell containing a silenced endogenous gene encoding human sodium/iodide symporter comprising administering to the cell a compound selected from the group consisting of 5-azacytidine, sodium butyrate, dimethylsulfoxide, adenosyl-1,8-diamino-3-thio-octane, and phenylacetate; and administering to the cell radiolabeled iodide.

Claim 24 has been replaced with the following:

24. A method of restoring iodide transport to a human thyroid carcinoma cell comprising administering difluoromethylornithine or adenosyl-1,8-diamino-3-thio-octane to the cell in an amount effective to transcriptionally activate the expression of a gene encoding the human sodium/iodide symporter, and administering to the cell radiolabeled iodide.

Claim 27 has been added.

27. The method of claim 20, wherein the compound is sodium butyrate.

Claims 28 has been added

28. The method of claim 20 wherein the compound is dimethylsulfoxide.

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Claim 29 has been added

29. The method of claim 20 wherein the compound is adenosyl-1,8-diamino-3-thio-octane.

Claim 30 has been added

30. The method of claim 20 wherein the compound is phenylacetate.

Claim 31 has been added.

31. The method of claim 20 wherein the compound is 5-azacytidine.

Claim 32 has been added.

32. The method of claim 24 wherein difluoromethylornithine is administered.

Claims 22, 25 and 26 have been canceled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen A. Canella whose telephone number is (571)272-0828. The examiner can normally be reached on 11 am to 10 pm, except Wed, Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on (571)272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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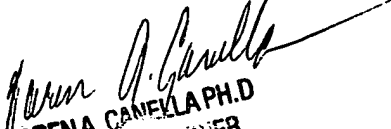
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